

## **Lincoln Motor Company Plant**

Detroit Edison Warren Service Center

Address: 6200 W. Warren

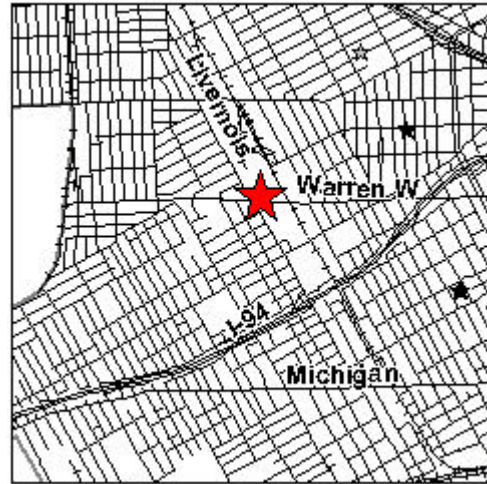
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Demolition of the Lincoln Motor Company Plant in progress, January 2003

### **Historic Overview:**

In 1918 Henry M. Leland built the manufacturing plant at the corner of Livernois and West Warren Avenues for the production of World War I Liberty aircraft engines. The complex consisted of an Administration Building and Garage, a Machine Shop, and two factories. The buildings had concrete foundations and steel frames faced with cream-colored brick.

After the war Leland adapted the factory complex for the manufacture of automobiles. The first Lincoln motorcar was revealed to the public on September 16, 1920. In 1922 the Ford Motor Company purchased the company and Lincoln became its luxury line of automobiles. Lincoln production continued in the plant until 1953 when operations were moved to Wayne, Michigan. Detroit Edison acquired the site in 1955 and the buildings served as office and warehouse space.

In 2002, Detroit Edison announced that the buildings would be demolished. The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation arranged to remove and preserve historic architectural elements including the granite "LINCOLN" sign on the Warren façade, and the entrance stone and brickwork of the office building.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Information obtained from [www.hfha.org/legend.htm](http://www.hfha.org/legend.htm)

